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SUBJ: SA-7'S

REF: A. STATE 12780; B. DAMASCUS 165

1. REPEATED TO FONMIN KHADDAM JANUARY 29 PRESENTATION
I HAD EARLIER MADE TO SHIHABI RE SA-7'S ADDING POINTS
STATE REFTEL. KHADDAM REACTED ONLY ONCE DURING PRESENTA-
TION NODDING AGREEMENT AS I DESCRIBED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT
KEEPING THIS WEAPON OUT OF HANDS OF REJECTIONIST FRONT
AND OTHER IRRESPONSIBLE PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS.

2. FONMIN REPLIED TERSELY THAT SINCE SYRIA NEEDED MORE
ARMS THAN IT HAD TODAY, WE COULD BE ASSURED IT WAS NOT
CONTEMPLATING RELEASE OF ARMS SUCH AS THE SAM 7 FROM ITS OWN
ARSENAL.

3. COMMENT: FONMIN'S STATEMENT THAT SAM 7'S WILL REMAIN
UNDER SYRIAN CONTROL IS NOT CONVINCING. HOWEVER,
POINT MADE ABOUT DANGER OF LETTING SUCH WEAPONRY
SLIP INTO HANDS OF IRRESPONSIBLE PALESTINIAN GROUPS
REGISTERED EFFECTIVELY AND HE MAY PURSUE THIS ASPECT
WITHIN SARG.
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